

## ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Miss Mattie Hill spent Sunday with her mother.

Deputy E. H. Hollett and wife installed the officers at Green Mountain Hall, Saturday evening. A dainty supper was served and a good time enjoyed.

Hollis Pierce is failing quite fast.

Mrs. Mary Robbins has gone to Wilder, where she has a position.

Miss Stella Allen, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Gray, who have been on the sick list, are some better.

Mrs. Abel Pierce is helping at Mrs. Henry Kelly's.

Mrs. Ella Kidney is quite ill with erysipelas.

The following officers were elected at the Junior Christian Endeavor: Pres., Earl Franklin; vice-pres., Floyd Jennes; sec., Hazel Jennes; treas., Lena Hallett; chairman of social committee, Dean Hall.

E. H. Hallett is attending the Dairy-men's Association at Montpelier.

The Christian Endeavor society are planning for a supper and entertainment Jan. 20. Let us all remember the date and patronize the society.

The Ladies' Sewing society will serve an oyster supper from six to eight, Friday evening. After the supper on entertainment will be given. The supper and entertainment will cost only 20 cents.

Mrs. Standish is quite poorly, also Mrs. M. R. Dickenson.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual business meeting at the church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

## Wheelock Association.

Next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Wheelock Association of Free Baptist churches will hold meetings with the Free Baptist church of this place, organization of the conference to take place at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The conference sermon will be preached at three o'clock by Rev. John D. Waldron. Tuesday evening will be occupied by the program arranged by the Woman's Missionary Society, including readings, recitations and music. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. E. Newell. Wednesday morning the public Ministers conference will be held at 10 o'clock, when Rev. Mr. Newell will give a paper on "Divorce and Remarriage"; and the sermon will be delivered at 11:15 by Rev. L. W. Pease. Wednesday afternoon the topic of the meeting will be "Present Day Evangelism," and W. H. Lyster will speak on "Its Needs," and Rev. E. Newell on "Its Methods." The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Geary, of Lakeport, N. H., on "Larger and Better." The topic of the Thursday morning meeting will be "The Place and Power of the Bible in Christian Work," Rev. B. P. Parker and E. W. Cobb to be the speakers. Rev. Franklin Blake will speak in the afternoon on "The Place and Power of Prayer in Christian Work." The final address to be given Thursday evening will be on "The Place and Power of the Holy Spirit in Christian Work," and will be delivered by Rev. Joshua M. Frost.

## Church Notes.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' block. Sunday morning service at 10:45. Subject, "Truth." Children's Sunday school at 10:45. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. The reading room is open every day except Monday, from 2 to 5.

The annual meeting, supper and roll call of the First Baptist church will be held this evening.

Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks supplied the North church pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Second Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 15. Mission Sunday. 7:30 celebration of Holy Communion. 10:30. Morning Prayer and Litany, sermon, "Missions, the Life of the Church," 12. Missionary Sunday school service. Addresses will be given on the following subjects: Alaska, Mrs. Grace B. Thompson; "Work among the Filipinos," Mrs. George Gibbons; "A Missionary Trip Around the World," Herbert W. Smythe, 5:00. Vespers, sermon, Wednesday, Jan. 11. Evening Prayer with sermon at 7:30. Beginning with Sunday evening, Jan. 22, the pastor will begin a series of addresses (one each month) on some practical subject. The services and subjects treated will be especially adapted to young people. The pews are unappropriated at the evening services. The subjects with dates are as follows: Jan. 22, "The Home: Its Religious, Its Social Influence on the Young," Feb. 19, "Choosing Companions: Socially, For Life," March 19, "Success: Its Meaning, How Attained."

The Woman's Association of the North church will hold a sewing meeting at Mrs. J. C. Clark's, Summer street, Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

The pastor of Grace Methodist church plans to preach next Sunday morning and conduct an evangelistic service in the evening.

Rev. A. F. Walsh will preach at both services at the Church of the Messiah, next Sunday.

Rev. E. M. Chapman expects to begin a series of four addresses next Sunday evening, upon "Four Great Evangelists—the Men and their Messages." These are Wesley, Finney, Moody and Drummond.

The pastor of the Free Baptist church will preach next Sunday morning, and conduct the evening service which will be one of praise, preaching and prayer.

## Fraternity Elections.

## Red Men.

At the annual meeting and election of officers of Algonquin Tribe, No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, held in their hall Thursday evening, the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Prophet, James H. Grady.  
Sachem, Byron B. Bishop.  
S. S., Charles Darling.  
J. S., C. F. Andrews.  
1st Sannap, George C. Frye.  
2nd Sannap, O. R. Bailey.  
C. of W., H. J. B. Anderson.  
C. of R., J. B. Drummond.  
G. of F., Alfonso White.  
G. of W., John Hurd.

Thursday tribes from Lebanon, N. H., Ammonoosuc Tribe of Woodsville and Wawbeek tribe of Hardwick meet with

the local lodge for work and a banquet. A good time is expected.

## Knights of Pythias.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, was held in their lodgerooms in Castle Hall last week Tuesday evening and the following were elected for the ensuing year:

C. C. W. B. Atwood.  
V. C. James Impey.  
Prelate, Eugene S. Smith.  
M. of W., Harry E. Harden.  
K. R. S., Henry W. Ellis.  
M. of F., Frank C. Wright.  
M. of E., Crawford Ranney.  
M. of A., A. J. Gale.  
I. G., William Gill.

## Annual Installations.

**Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge.**  
Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, Mrs. Margaret M. Porter, district deputy president, assisted by Mrs. Isabelle Sargent as grand marshal, installed the following officers of Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F.

N. G., Mrs. Clara Henderson.  
V. G., Mrs. Mary Sweet.  
R. S., Mrs. May E. Heath.  
F. S., Mrs. Abbie J. Dow.  
Treas., Mrs. Mary Morrill.  
Warden, Mrs. Isabelle Sargent.  
Con., Mrs. Gertrude Mackey.  
O. G. I. J. Dow.  
I. G., Mrs. Edith Somers.

Chaplain, Mrs. Clara E. Sanborn.  
R. S. N. G., Miss Mabel Pope.  
L. S. N. G., Mrs. Effie Beck.  
R. S. V. G., Mrs. Ada Gould.  
L. S. V. G., Mrs. Kittie Chappel.  
R. A. S., Mrs. Viola Ingram.  
L. A. S., Mrs. Mary Young.

Rebekah, Mrs. Mamie McLeod.  
1st Banner Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Moffitt.  
2nd Banner Bearer, Mrs. Bertha McGilvray.  
3rd Banner Bearer, Mrs. Margaret Beck.  
4th Banner Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Morris.

Pianist, Mrs. Maud Thomas.  
Past Noble Grand, Mrs. Emily A. Miles just preceding the installation of officers the secretary, Mrs. W. L. Heath, in behalf of the members of Olive Branch Lodge presented the retiring noble grand, Mrs. Emily Miles, a beautiful opal ring. Mrs. Miles has been a member of this lodge for nearly 20 years, and has held several different offices, and Mrs. Heath in her remarks testified to the faithful service she has rendered, especially during the past two years, she having only missed four meetings during that time. Mrs. Miles responded very feelingly, thanking the lodge for their beautiful gift and the kindly feeling thus expressed. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

## G. A. R. and W. R. C.

An installation of the officers of Chamberlin Post and the Chamberlin Relief Corps occurred at Grand Army hall Thursday evening. The officers of the Post were installed by Comrade Perry Porter of West Burke.

Mrs. Nellie M. Smythe acted as the installing officer of the Corps and performed her duties in a most perfect manner. She is an ideal installing officer, her dignity and grace of bearing adding much to the beauty of the work.

The following are the officers installed: Pres., Mrs. Henrietta L. Gorham. Senior Vice Pres., Mrs. Mary E. Sweet. Junior Vice Pres., Mrs. Mary Brooks. Secretary, Mrs. Christina Borland. Treasurer, Miss Annie E. Carr. Chaplain, Mrs. Cordelia Caswell. Conductor, Mrs. Mabel Morris. Guard, Mrs. Della Bouette. Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Nellie P. Bonette.

Assistant Guard, Mrs. Winifred Morey. Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Nellie Symes.

Press Correspondent, Mrs. Mrs. Mary L. Woodbury.  
Musician, Mrs. Sarah L. Hovey.  
1st Color Bearer, Mrs. Cora Hamilton.  
2nd Color Bearer, Mrs. Eva Woods.  
3rd Color Bearer, Mrs. Mabel Moffitt.  
4th Color Bearer, Mrs. Nettie Moffitt.  
1st Delegate, Mrs. Mabel Morris.  
2nd Delegate, Mrs. Mary Brooks.

The following officers of Chamberlin Post were installed: Comrade John D. Orcutt serving as officer of the day: Commander, A. P. Hawley.

Sen. Vice Com., W. L. Morris.  
Jun. Vice Com., J. D. Orcutt.  
Adjutant, Charles Ross.  
Quartermaster, Charles H. Woodbury.  
Surgeon, H. C. Newell, M.D.  
Chaplain, D. V. Burbank.  
Officer of the Day, Mathew Robinson.  
Officer of the Guard, J. W. Page.  
Sergeant Major, C. A. Gaskill.  
L. M. Major, Carlton Fitch.  
Refreshments were served, after which Commander Hawley detailed Comrade E. L. Hovey to the chair, and remarks historical, humorous and otherwise were made by many of the comrades.

At a regular meeting Saturday evening a very fine portrait of Past Dept. President W. R. C. Mrs. Sarah F. Hovey, was received by the Post, from Mrs. Hovey. It is a splendid addition to the already fine collection hanging on the walls of the G. A. R. hall.

## Order of the Eastern Star.

The newly elected officers of this organization were installed by Mrs. E. E. Gage District Deputy Grand Matron, Monday evening and there was a large attendance of members of the Masonic order. Mrs. Brock's orchestra furnished music for the occasion. After the installation worthy Patron Welcome B. Eastman took the chair and informal address were given by R. B. Gannett, W. S. Boynton, Rev. G. C. McDougall, Charles A. Calderwood, W. S. Dillon and Mrs. E. Gage. A collation was served at the conclusion of the speaking.

## Flora Calendars.

C. H. Clark, the photographer, has issued an attractive calendar containing the pictures of 31 of the babies whose photographs he has taken the past year. Mr. Clark makes a specialty of taking photos of the babies and is eminent successful.

Carroll S. Page of calf skin fame celebrates his jubilee year by issuing a big calendar containing an excellent portrait of himself with a gold background. These calendars are a work of art that will be useful in any office for the coming year.

## Bank Meetings.

## Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution yesterday the old board of directors were elected with the exception of J. G. Turnbull of Barton Landing, who declined to serve as he will be actively interested in the new savings bank in his own village. The following directors were chosen: A. L. Bailey, St. Johnsbury; George P. Blair, West Barnet; James Ritchie, St. Johnsbury; D. R. Densmore, West Burke; H. N. Stevens, North Craftsbury; Horace W. Badley, Newbury; F. W. Silsby, Lyndonville.

The directors organized by electing the same officers last year as follows: President, A. L. Bailey. Vice President, George P. Blair. Treasurer, John T. Ritchie. Asst. Treasurer, Gilbert E. Woods. Bookkeepers, Harry M. Nelson, Wilbur J. Farr, Roy N. Howard.

## First National.

At the annual meeting of this institution yesterday the following directors were elected: A. H. McLeod, Charles H. Stevens, Walter P. Smith, John C. Clark, Henry C. Ide, Frank H. Brooks, W. A. Ricker. The only change is the election of Representative Ricker, one of our leading young business men, in place of Samuel N. Brown of Boston.

The directors organized by electing the following officers as follows: President, A. H. McLeod. Vice President, C. H. Stevens. Cashier, Homer E. Smith. Teller, Herbert A. Hawley. Bookkeeper, John F. Puffer. Clerk, Clarence A. Forrest.

## Merchants National.

At the annual meeting of this institution yesterday the board of directors was increased to eight and L. K. Quimby of Lyndon, who recently resigned, was re-elected a director.

The following directors were chosen: Elmore T. Ide, L. K. Quimby, Harry Blodgett, Truman R. Siles, Alexander Cochran, Edmund M. Tait, George H. Cross, W. L. Powers.

The directors organized by electing these officers: President, Elmore T. Ide. Cashier, Charles W. Rutter. Teller, Edward C. Chandler. Bookkeeper, Everett B. Chase. Clerk, Frank Philbert.

These are the same board of officers as served the past year.

**Caledonia National.**  
The only change in the board of directors at this institution at Danville was the election of W. A. Ricker of St. Johnsbury as director in place of H. S. Tolman of Greensboro, who resigned on account of ill health. These officers were elected: Peter Wesson, president; F. B. Stocker, vice-pres.; A. Wesson, cashier.

## National Bank of Newbury.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution at their banking rooms in Wells River the following directors were chosen:

F. Deming, John Bailey, Wells River; Alex. Cochran, Groton; E. Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.; F. E. Kimball, Newbury. The only change in the board is the election of Mr. Kimball in place of Col. Erastus Baldwin who is in very feeble health. The new board organized by electing the same officers as last year:

President, F. Deming. Vice President, Alex. Cochran. Cashier, Nelson Bailey. The stockholders voted to continue the bank's charter for another 20 years and to change the name of the institution to the National Bank of Newbury at Wells River.

## Wells River Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the incorporators of this institution was held yesterday afternoon and the following trustees chosen: John Bailey, E. W. Smith, Wells River; J. R. Darling, George Cochran, Ryegate; D. S. Fulton, F. E. Kimball, Newbury; George F. Winch, Melrose Falls. Mr. Winch is the only new member on the board, succeeding Ora Bishop of Melrose.

## The Stock Market.

	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
Am. S. & R.	83 1/2	80 1/4	81 1/2
A. C. P.	75	72 1/2	73 1/2
A. C. F.	34 1/2	32 1/2	34
Am. Loco.	36	34 1/2	35
Atch.	88 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2
Atch. Pfd.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
B. & O.	105 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
B. R. T.	62 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2
Ca. Pac.	133 1/2	131 1/2	132 1/2
C. F. I.	48 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
C. & O.	40 1/2	47 1/2	48
C. & Gt. W.	24 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Eric	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Eric 1st Pfd.	78 1/2	76 1/2	78
Ill. Cent.	150 1/2	155 1/2	158 1/2
L. & N.	141 1/2	138 1/2	140 1/2
Man.	160 1/2	163 1/2	168
Met.	120 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2
Mo. Pac.	108 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
M. K. T. Pfd.	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
M. K. Cent.	24 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
N. Y. C.	146	143 1/2	143 1/2
N. & W.	80 1/2	79	79 1/2
O. & W.	41 1/2	40 1/2	41
P. & O.	108	106	106
Penn.	139 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
Reading	82 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2
R. Mail.	40 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
S. R. Pfd.	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
Sugar	143 1/2	140 1/2	142
St. Paul	174 1/2	171 1/2	172 1/2
So. Pac.	66 1/2	63 1/2	65 1/2
Tex. Pac.	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
T. C. I.	72 1/2	70	71
U. P.	116 1/2	113	114 1/2
U. S. Steel	30 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
U. S. Pfd.	93 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2
W. U.	95 1/2	92 1/2	93
Wab. Pfd.	43 1/2	42	42 1/2

## GRAIN AND CORN.

Wheat May	118 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2
Wheat July	109	98 1/2	99 1/2
Corn May	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Corn July	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
Oats May	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats July	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Cotton May	7 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
Cotton July	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/4

## \*Ex Div.

Great Yarmouth, England, has the narrowest street in the world. There are many narrow streets in Great Yarmouth, but the narrowest is Kitty Witches, which is only 35 inches wide. You can lean out of your window and shake hands with your neighbor across the street.

## VERMONT NEWS.

## Bradstreet's Vermont Weekly Trade Report.

Reports to Bradstreet's for week show little quietness in general trade owing to inventory taking among many of the manufacturing plants and retail merchants. Weather conditions have retarded business to a considerable extent. The warm weather with some rain during the early part of the week in sections assisted materially, and some plants which have been closed by reason of shortage of water supply have resumed.

At Burlington the cotton mills are running but few new orders are received; grocery trade is quiet as is usual, with collections about fair. Some trouble has been experienced by traveling public by reason of severe storms in northern and southern parts of the state. Rutland reports good business in all lines. Scales works have large orders, lumber industries are planning for a large business; while retail trade has been quiet owing to weather conditions, the outlook is good and a better tone in collections is reported.

St. Albans industries are well employed and retail merchants have had fair week's trade; collections quiet. St. Johnsbury business men have been busy, while manufacturing industries are active with collections fair. At Montpelier and Barre the granite manufacturing plants which have been idle during the holidays, resumed during the week and comment favorably regarding the outlook for spring business. Retail merchants have been making preparations for an increase in business and report collections improving. Bellows Falls manufacturing plants have plenty of orders on hand and to some extent have been able to run longer hours as the water supply in the river has improved owing to little rain and warmer weather. Retail trade is fair with collections quiet. Brattleboro manufacturing plants are liberally supplied with orders, the threatened labor trouble at overall factory was settled without a strike. Retail trade has been good with collections gaining. Bennington reports fair business at the mills, normal condition with retail merchants and collections fair. Springfield reports all manufacturing plants well employed, retail trade has been good. Richmond plants are well employed, work is to be commenced soon in rebuilding hotel recently destroyed by fire. Retail merchants report trade fair with some improvement in collections.

**Mrs. Rogers Will Be Hanged.**  
Gov. Bell has announced to the press that he should do nothing to prevent the execution of Mrs. Rogers on Feb. 3. He said: "I see no reason why the laws of Vermont should not take their course. I have been importuned by some to interfere and by others not to. I consider the whole matter was thoroughly threshed out in the Legislature. If there had been any question on the vote it would be another matter, but there was no such question. No matter what may be my personal views on capital punishment, I do not consider that I have any right to interfere with the laws of the State. I was elected by the people to enforce and not set aside the laws of the commonwealth."

Mrs. J. Gregory Smith, widow of Vermont's distinguished war governor and railroad president, died at her home in St. Albans Friday. She was a highly esteemed woman and was the author of numerous essays, poems, and miscellaneous writings, and of four novels. She was widely known throughout New England by her appearance at various social gatherings, which she often addressed.

**The Spirit of Winter.**  
The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

**Banking by Mail.**  
Persons who have money to deposit in savings banks and who wish to have their money kept in Vermont to foster Vermont enterprises and build up Vermont industries may send funds to the Lamolite County Savings Bank and Trust Co., Hyde Park, Vt., feeling fully assured that every dollar will be loaned in Vermont. Depositors can remit funds at bank's risk if sent by check or postal money order. Address either the treasurer, C. A. Knight, or the president, C. S. Tague, Hyde Park, Vt.

The Hyde Park Bank holds the record of having never owned a poor note since its organization in January, 1889; as a fact which is easily accounted for when it is considered that the loans are all in Vermont and the security therefor where it can easily be examined by bank's officials. Absolutely safety rather than the high rate of interest that is the first prerequisite demanded by the Hyde Park Bank in making loans.

**Nothing to Brag Of.**  
Bluff—I'd have you know, sir, that I'm a self made man. Gruff—Well, I'm sorry for you, but keep it dark and don't think too much about it, and perhaps you'll get along all right.

**Sorry He Spoke.**  
Husband (during the quarrel)—I wouldn't be a fool if I were you. Wife (calmly)—My dear, I can readily understand that if you were me you wouldn't be a fool.

**A Hint For Health.**  
Physicians say that those who sleep with their mouths closed have the best health. If you awake in the night and find your mouth open get up and close it.—Kansas City Journal.

**Among all forms of mistakes prophecy is the most gratuitous.**—Ellot.

**Found and Lost.**  
Lady—Oh, that big dog isn't the one I advertised for. My dog was a little fox terrier. Boy—Yes'm. Your dog's inside o' dis one.—Puck.

## MIND OF MAID

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"My, but she is ugly!" Mrs. Evans said, her accent distinctly one of relief. Bronson smiled covertly as he answered: "Don't be too sure of that. She has eyes."

"Eyes! Bah!" The ejaculation was almost a shout. Estelle heard it, although there was the breadth of the room between her and the irate matron. She looked plaintively across at Bronson, who answered her look with the faintest humorous nod. Then he strolled over to her and said in her ear: "It's too easy—quite too easy. Miss Mischief. I simply had to give that good soul a hint of warning."

"Traitor!" Estelle retorted, pretending to hiss the word high tragedy fashion, yet ending with a dimpling laugh. The laugh went far to redeem her face—so far that it set more than one beholder speculating that old Major Gilbert's stranger granddaughter would not really be so bad looking if she knew how to wear her clothes and do her heavy hair, this despite her wretched complexion, for she had a beautiful straight nose and good teeth, to say nothing of her handsome eyes. Her neck must be bad, else why was she swathed up to the ears? Her sleeves also quite swallowed her gloved hands, but her feet were as much in evidence as they well could be, incased in boots at least three sizes large.

With everybody else in party bibs and tuckers, such garmenting made her conspicuous, all the more that the gown she wore was grass green, with a bright pink stock and much dead white braiding. Spangles and beads also lurked amid the braid, so many that there was a color of reason for Estelle's whisper as she looked down at herself.

"Do you know, I feel like the court of King Solomon at the puppet show." This made Bronson frown. "You'll give yourself away," he said severely. "For heaven's sake don't spoil sport just when it's getting so much better than a play."

"I won't," said Estelle contritely; then in a nervous aside: "When does Adonis come in? Do hurry him along! I shan't be easy until he comes. Suppose, after all, he should be color blind—able to see only gold and greenbacks and old yellow tie deeds?"

"Suppose nothing so tragic. I told you in the beginning he was artistic or nothing," Bronson retorted. "Art is, indeed, his weak suit. Otherwise would he be in bonds to Miss Adelaide Evans?"

"She is so pretty," Estelle said fervently.

Bronson growled: "Yes; regular china baby beauty—blue eyes, pink and white complexion and hair always in the latest mode. Out in the lobby now, lying in wait for—Adonis. They'll be coming in together, the prettiest pair of puppets you ever saw."

"I hope he isn't too good looking," Estelle murmured reflectively.

"You'll find him disgustingly so. Indeed, I've been half afraid all along that when you saw him you'd be sorry."

"Indeed I shan't," Estelle interrupted eagerly. "How can I be sorry for anything that sets me free from that odious bond?"

Bronson did not answer. A stir about the door drew all eyes. Adonis, otherwise George Gilbert, Estelle's cousin, coheir and fiance, entered with Adelaide Evans clinging ostentatiously to his arm. She had such a habit of clinging there that the sports of Grasshopper had been ready to give odds this last half year that she would ere this have written herself Mrs. George Gilbert but for Grandfather Gilbert's absurd will. This instrument decreed flatly whichever of his two descendants refused to marry the other thereby forfeited all claim to the big Gilbert fortune.

The boy and girl had been brought up half a continent apart. Estelle had come to Grasshopper for the first time less than a week before. But tales of her had been life there the last three years, how willful she was, also how sharp of speech and of temper. As to her looks there had been several opinions. Reed Bronson might have spoken authoritatively, but he chose to be silent. He had met Estelle two summers running at the seashore, and with each meeting he became more indifferent to Grasshopper belles and their charms. He had known, first of all, that Estelle was coming to visit her mother's cousin, the Warrens. Mrs. Evans thought her bold for it. She did not need to marry George before she was twenty-two and might therefore well have left it to him to do the seeking.

What George thought about it nobody knew. He smiled down at Adelaide as they crossed to Estelle. When he got a good look at her his smile became for a breath's space quizzical, but it was kind and wholly cordial as he took both her hands, saying, "I know you all right, young lady—if you would never let me have your picture."

"Somebody's been telling," Estelle said solemnly, although her eyes danced. They had never rested upon a finer fellow than George. He had all the Gilbert look she so worshipped in her father's portrait. Covertly she glanced from him to Bronson. Bronson was big and honest looking and had withal an air of breadth, but still was not to be named beside her unwelcome betrothed. No doubt he had more brains, although as time passed she was forced

JAPAN TEAS are on the down grade, to stay down—the sales continue to dwindle.

## "SALADA"

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